

'Old Timers' employment recognized at annual PPD luncheon meeting

An "Old Timer," in the parlance of Gallaudet's Physical Plant Department (PPD), isn't someone who is old—it's someone who is an experienced, reliable worker.

Fifty-seven PPD staff have worked from 10 to 31 years for the University, and their combined years of service to the campus total more than 800.

"I feel that this is quite remarkable," said Regina Pradier, coordinator of a June 17 luncheon in "Ole Jim" to honor the dedication of these veteran staff members.

"Traditionally, the luncheon was called the Physical Plant Department Recognition Luncheon, but it was later given the unofficial title of the Old Timers Luncheon, which is quite appropriate," said Pradier, PPD's Office Services supervisor, and an Old Timer herself with 11 years of service to the department.

At this year's luncheon, nine PPD employees received service pins, which are awarded annually to employees who have 10 years of service. Pins are also awarded to PPD employees for every five years they work following their tenth year. Service pins went to:

- Larry Dean, who began as an electrician in 1968 and is now senior projects supervisor;
- Ray Horton, who began in 1973 as a maintenance mechanic and is now an electrician I;
- William Thomas, who began in 1977 as an air conditioning-heating mechanic and is now HVAC services supervisor;
- Johnnie Kenneybrew, a custodian who began working for PPD in 1978;
- James Charles, who began in 1978 as a custodian and is now a pipe coverer/

insulator III;

- Walter Molinder, a Gallaudet graduate who began work as a room mechanic in 1978;
- Billy Harper, who began in 1978 as a third class engineer;
- Arvin English, who began as a groundskeeper in 1978 and is now a gardener; and
- Jack Jagtiani, who began in 1978 as a third class engineer and is now a first class engineer.

"I appreciate the opportunity to see people receive the appreciation they deserve," Gallaudet President King Jordan told the PPD workers at the luncheon.

Jordan said that one of the "most impressive sights" that he had ever seen was how the PPD staff cleaned up Kendall Green overnight at the end of the Deaf President Now protest week.

"I remember on March 13, the day I was appointed president, I was here on campus until 2 a.m.," said Jordan. "People were excited and happy, but there was trash everywhere. But when I returned at 8:30 a.m., the campus had been turned from a trash bin to the model campus it is today."

"We will show the world that when they visit the Gallaudet campus it will be as beautiful and more beautiful than ever, and I thank you for your efforts."

An added attraction at this year's recognition luncheon was a performance by three members of the National Deaf Dance Theatre.

On the Green will not be published on July 4 because of the Independence Day holiday. The deadline for submitting information for the July 11 issue is Friday, July 1.



Recipients of service pins at a June 17 luncheon to honor veteran Physical Plant Department staff are (left to right) bottom row: Larry Dean, Jack Jagtiani, and Walter Molinder; top row: Johnnie Kenneybrew, James Charles, and Ray Horton. (Not pictured are Billy Harper, Arvin English, and William Thomas.)



Primary student Ping Wang (third from right) joins other KDES students as she receives an award from teacher Rubye Frye Hughes at KDES' annual Awards Day Program June 14.

Campus cleaning takes teamwork

Six days a week, about 60 blue-uniformed troops head for their individual 25,000-square-yard locations on the Gallaudet campus and launch their assault strategies.

Armed with a rolling arsenal of mops, brooms, dusters, and other supplies, the University's Custodial Services Department begins a cleaning blitz at 6 a.m., long before most employees settle down in their offices or classrooms.

Edeward Adegbite is one who is acutely aware of the importance and enormity of the work. As manager of Custodial Services, he is responsible for planning and orchestrating his staff's daily procedure of cleaning 3,000 offices, dormitories, and classrooms; 450 restrooms; and 1.5 million square yards of floor and carpet.

"You must have a system," Adegbite said. "We work on a team concept. It's a shared responsibility."

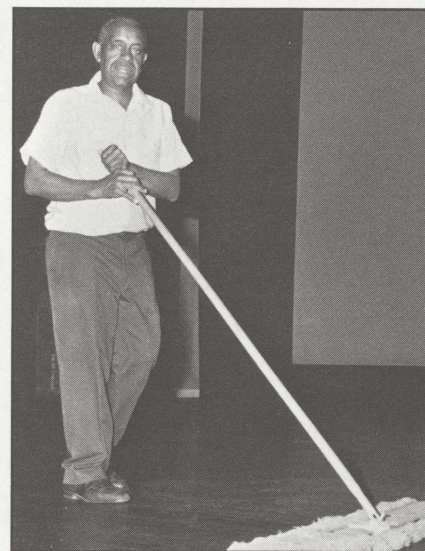
The custodial staff tries to clean classrooms and offices with a minimum of distraction to their occupants.

"People don't want us to distract them while they're at their phone calls and conferences. We realize that, so we try to plan around it," Adegbite said. Therefore, custodians begin their day by cleaning classrooms and offices before they progress to tidying restrooms, and they finish with sweeping and vacuuming.

New employees in the Custodial Services Department undergo a six-month training period, and they take sign language classes as well.

As a rule, the jobs are carried out smoothly, Adegbite said, but he couldn't help grimacing when he recalled past graduation days, when students would flee their dorms, leaving veritable landfills in their wakes.

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Clarence Hillary has the distinction of serving the longest of all the custodial staff—31 years. He is assigned to Ely Center and Elstad Auditorium.



Diane Blackburn, a custodian at Gallaudet for the past 10 years, was recently commended for turning in money that she found while cleaning in an office area at MSSD.



Instructor Regina Pradier leads a Gallaudet Workout class in Hughes Gym. A new series of aerobics and toning classes begins on July 11.

Custodians help keep campus tidy

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"It used to be a mess," Adegbite said. "Personal belongings, rocks, tires, and the bathrooms—some of the students wouldn't have cleaned their bathrooms for the entire year. Oh, my, we used to work all night long trying to get the dorm rooms clean!"

Now, resident advisers and official inspections have put an end to that problem, but graduation still heralds the custodians' busiest time of the year.

"There is one activity right after another," said Adegbite. "Right after graduation, the Special Olympics starts. Then it's the summer classes, and then there is only one week to get ready for the fall students coming back to school. So it's rough, but we've never let the University down."

The only thing that really makes the custodians gripe, Adegbite said, are messy people and vandals. A degree of vandalism, especially in student areas,

is something that the custodial staff comes to expect, especially the first morning after a weekend or holiday.

But for the average member of the Gallaudet community, simple consideration, such as making sure that waste paper goes into trashcans, would make custodians' jobs a lot easier, Adegbite said.

Committee carries staff concerns

Each month, the Staff Advisory Committee meets with President King Jordan to address topics that concern the University staff. Each of the University's six divisions has a representative on the committee. Staff members should submit their concerns to these representatives so the committee can address them with Dr. Jordan.

Staff Advisory Committee members and the areas they represent are:

- Cindi Olson, University Relations, Learning Center Annex, x5606;
- Lynel Spencer, Pre-College Programs, MSSD, Room 200, x5015;
- Fred Kendrick, Business and Administration, College Hall, Room 306, x5353;
- Carol Bennetti, Academic Affairs, Fay House, x5400;
- Flo Minger, Northwest Campus, Main Building, x8-5870; and
- Bettye Radden, Institutional Research, Planning, and Evaluation; Alumni Relations and Advancement; and the Office of the President, College Hall, Room B-8, x5250.

The deadline for agenda items for the July meeting is July 6.



Michael Lockhart and Darnese Nicholson, buyers in the Department of Contracts and Purchasing, have been employed at Gallaudet 15 years and 10 years, respectively. They were honored at a June 6 reception.

New aerobics series begins here; goes national for hearing impaired

Gallaudet is getting ready to begin a new series of aerobics and other exercise classes on campus for members of the University community.

Meanwhile, aerobics for hearing impaired people is spreading from the campus throughout the nation through the new Aerobics and Fitness Training Institute of the Deaf.

Both the campus' Gallaudet Workout, coordinated by Pattie Cinelli, and the training institute, directed by Gina Oliva, are a part of Gallaudet's Department of Physical Education and Recreation.

New classes at Gallaudet begin July 11 and continue through Sept. 2. For aerobics enthusiasts, there is the Gallaudet Workout, which includes a warm-up, 20 to 25 minutes of aerobic activities designed to get the heart rate working in each individual's target zone, and, time permitting, body conditioning. Also offered are toning classes which work on developing muscle tone and conditioning the body.

"My basic philosophy is that aerobics classes should be safe and fun," said Cinelli, the new Gallaudet Workout coordinator. "People who come can get an opportunity to move, laugh, yell, have fun, and meet other people from around campus."

All of the instructors in the Gallaudet program are experienced and skilled in the field of aerobics exercise and fitness, according to Cinelli, who has taught aerobics at Gallaudet since 1985. Cinelli and instructor Cindi Olson are both certified by the International Dance Exercise Association.

"We also have the least expensive classes in the area," said Cinelli. The classes are \$3 each, and participants can also purchase 10 tickets for \$25 or 20 tickets for \$40. The tickets are good through Sept. 2.

Beginning July 11, classes will be offered each day of the week:

- Mon., 12:05-12:50 p.m.—Workout, Dance Studio, Hughes Gym (instructor, Ellie Korres).
- Tues., 12:05-12:50 p.m.—Toning, Adaptive Room, Field House (Cindi Olson); 12:10-12:55 p.m.—Workout, MSSD gym (P.K. Glenn).
- Wed., 12:05-12:50 p.m.—Workout, Dance Studio, Hughes Gym (Pattie Cinelli).
- Thurs., 12:05-12:50 p.m.—Toning, Adaptive Room, FI (Cindi Olson); 12:10-12:55 p.m., Workout, MSSD Gym (P.K. Glenn).
- Fri., 12:05-12:50 p.m.—Workout, Dance Studio, Hughes (Regina Pradier).

All classes require tickets, which can be purchased either from instructors or in the Field House, Room 101.

Evaluations are also being distributed for current classes, and participants are encouraged to pick up an evaluation at the Field House if they have not already received one. "It is vital that we get feedback from students so we can get the kind of classes people want," said Cinelli. Possible offerings in the fall include early morning and evening classes and perhaps a "lite" class for people in search of milder exercise.

Oliva, who was the previous coordinator of the Gallaudet Workout, is now traveling the country in an effort to make exercise more available to hearing impaired consumers.

She has already begun training deaf aerobics instructors in California and Kansas, plus a team of both deaf and hearing people in Boston, Mass.,

through Gallaudet's regional centers. Each state now has a coordinator, made possible through a Gallaudet Presidential Award.

During one of her recent trips to California, Oliva received the Christine MacIntyre memorial award at the fifth annual convention of the International Dance-Exercise Association. The award, given for the first time to a person who has overcome obstacles to achieve in aerobics and the field of fitness, was given in memory of MacIntyre, former editor of *Shape Magazine*.

This fall, Oliva plans to begin a training program in the Washington area for deaf students and alumni who can later work in health studios, clubs, and with local park programs.

In addition, she will be working with studios, parks, and recreation programs throughout the country, teaching their staff about deafness and helping them make their offerings accessible to the deaf community.

"The main objective is for them to hire deaf instructors or trainers," said Oliva, "but I'll also teach them basic signs and how to cue with signs." During her travels, Oliva will also be identifying a deaf person at each stop who will work with the organizations to help identify and serve deaf members in the community.

Individuals—both deaf and hearing—who are interested in becoming exercise instructors can call x5591.

Classified Ads

WANTED: Roommate to share apt. in Greenbelt, Md., available in July, conv. location near New Carrollton Metro, \$152/mo. inc. utilities. Call 794-8754 (TDD).

FOR RENT: Mobile home at Fenwick Island, near beach, kitchen w/DW, 2 full baths, AC, sleeps 6, community pool and tennis, \$325/wk. or \$50/night. Call Beth, x5247 or 498-4521 (TDD) eves.

WANTED: Mature person to share fully furnished 4-BR colonial house w/mature professional in northern Silver Spring, Md. suburbs, available now. Call x5163 (TDD) or 622-4625 (TDD) eves.

FOR SALE: House one block from campus, 1144 Morse St., 3-BR, 1½-bath, lg. kitchen, \$89,900. Call John, 864-6611.

WANTED: Ride to Charleston, S.C., for NAD convention, will share expenses. Call D. Steffanic, 653-2592 (TDD) 9 a.m.-4 p.m. or 864-7062 (TDD) eves.

WANTED: Two or three roommates to share spacious apt. with W/D in Greenbelt, Md., near New Carrollton Metro, rent inc. util. Call Kelly, x3113 (TDD) or 794-4754 (TDD) after 7 p.m.

FOR RENT: Ocean-front cottage in Avon, N.C. (Outer Banks), 3-BR, sleeps 8, available for 3 nights, July 6-8, \$370. Call Laura Bergan, x5356 (TDD) or Jane Kuzoian, x5269.

Job Openings

Some of the advertised positions may already be filled. The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

MUSIC TEACHER: MSSD
COMPUTER LITERACY TEACHER: MSSD
SENIOR GRANTS AND CONTRACTS SPECIALIST: Office of Sponsored Programs

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Announcement

The Telecommunications Exchange for the Deaf Inc. (TEDI), located on campus in the Appleby Building, needs summer volunteers. TEDI relays phone calls for faculty, staff, students, and the community Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. As little as one hour per week will help TEDI provide summer service. For more information, call Lisa at x5787.



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